IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1652
HUNTER et al.) Examiner: Steadman, David
Serial No.: 10/071,751) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
Filed: February 7, 2002))) EXPRESS MAIL: EV368035292US
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to an Office Action having a mailing date of August 22, 2003. A Notice of Appeal, along with a Request for a two month extension of time and the requisite fees, were filed on January 22, 2004, to extend to the time for responding from November 22, 2003 to March 22, 2004. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.